Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting January 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on January 22, 2015, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Randy Grebel, Jeff Berres, and William Muche. Chester Caine was absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Muche and seconded by Berres to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2015: Minutes of January 8, 2015, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: A communication from Washington County Highway Commissioner Tom Wondra relating to snow and ice control practices on CTH D adjacent to Dodge County was read.

Current changes in staffing levels, retirements, and hiring updates were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Members discussed several items of interest from the 2015 winter road school event of January 12, 13, and 14, including ATV-UTV use on county roads and implements of husbandry legislation.

PROJECT UPDATES: Crews are removing trees on CTH C (CTH A – Jersey Road). Airport lighting system improvements have been completed. The airport fuel system has been inspected and no major concerns are noted.

DISCUSS BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM OPTIONS: Thompson presented current methods of bridge inspections and associated costs from neighboring counties. No action was taken.

APPROVE PER DIEMS AND EXPENSES: Motion by Grebel and seconded by Muche to approve the following per diems and expenses: January 12, 13, and 14, 2015 attendance at the WCHA winter conference – Caine, Grebel, Johnson, and Muche; January 16, 2015 for setting right-of-way offering prices – Caine and Johnson; and January 20, 2015 for approving right-of-way offering prices – Berres and Muche. Motion carried.

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DISCUSS ATTENDANCE FOR THE TDA FLY-IN ON MARCH 25 AND 26, 2015: It was the consensus of the Committee that the Commissioner and Supervisor Muche should attend the TDA Fly-in on March 25 and 26, 2015, in Washington DC. A request for interstate travel will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

STATUS UPDATES FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS: The Village of Reeseville has accepted the County's offer to purchase a parcel of land owned by the Village of Reeseville adjacent to the County Highway shop. Rezoning and subdividing efforts are in progress with the Village Board.

Corporation Counsel continues to develop documents for a sealed bid process to sell four vacant residential lots owned by Dodge County in the City of Fox Lake.

Corporation Counsel is seeking legal opinions on the current ownership of a parcel of land adjacent to the Juneau Highway shop facility.

2015 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW: Thompson presented a list of highway improvement projects scheduled for the 2015 construction season.

VOUCHER PAYMENT REGISTER AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENT REVIEW: Vouchers payment registers and credit card payments for January were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: ATV-UTV legislation options, 2014 snow and ice fund reimbursements resolution, satellite shop design update.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on February 5, 2015 in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: There was no field review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson – Chairman

Randy Grebel Secretary

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